

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

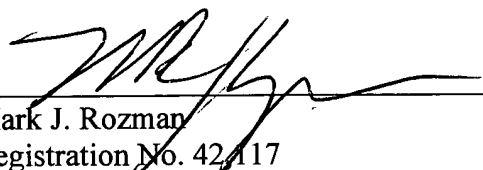
The above amendment cancels claims that do not affect the scope of any other pending claim. Furthermore, the amendment to claim 7 places claim 7 in independent form. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the above amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. 41.33(b).

In view of these remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504.

Respectfully submitted,

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